



Canyon County Mental Health Court

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Re: Solicitation of Interest – Assertive Community Treatment Providers

Dear Addiction/Mental Health Treatment Provider:

The Canyon County Mental Health Court seeks to enter a nonexclusive, independent contractor relationship with a local treatment provider to assist Mental Health Court participants in need of professional Assertive Community Treatment services. The ACT Team will offer services to mentally ill participants by providing the most effective, evidence-based treatments in a client-centered manner to minimize hospitalization, incarceration, and recidivism while enhancing participant independence and quality of life.

The Mental Health Court Team consists of a core group of interdisciplinary professionals who communicate regularly throughout the week and work closely together to meet the needs of Mental Health Court participants. The Team, led by the judge, meets weekly to staff participant needs prior to Mental Health Court sessions. Treatment progress, compliance, drug test results and participant goals are discussed, as well as any new issues that need to be addressed by team members. Preliminary decisions are made regarding sanctions and rewards.

The core team is comprised of:

- The Judge-
 - The Judge provides overall leadership for the program, presides over the weekly staffing and status hearings, and imposes behavioral rewards, incentives, and sanctions.
- The Probation Officer-
 - The probation officer provides supervision for Court participants, coordinates with the Court to ensure that participants follow the rules of probation and the Mental Health Court participant handbook, and provides input on Court operations.
- The Prosecuting Attorney-
 - The Canyon County Prosecutor represents the State before the court, participates with the Team to assist in identifying appropriate participants, and provides input on Court operations.
- The Public Defender-
 - The Canyon County Public Defender represents the participants before the Court, participates with the Team to assist in identifying appropriate participants, provides applications for referrals of participants to the Court, and provides input on Court operations.

- The Court Coordinator-
 - The Coordinator accepts applications and refers them for screening to determine appropriateness for Assertive Community Treatment. The Coordinator is responsible for tracking outcomes and problem-solving issues within the court, and provides input on Court operations.
- The ACT team supervisor-
 - The ACT Team Supervisor screens applicants, obtains releases of information, gathers clinical data for assessments, and provides input on Court operations.
- The ACT team clinicians-
 - The ACT Team provides integrated, individual and group mental health and substance abuse treatment, following the ACT Standards, the Idaho Drug and Mental Health Court Standards, and the Matrix Model of substance abuse treatment, and provides input on Court operations.
- Local Law enforcement officer-
 - The law enforcement representative assists the Court by identifying and referring individuals with mental health needs to the program and provides input on Court operations.
- Voc. Rehab Counselor-
 - The Vocational Rehabilitation counselor provides services to eligible participants to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment, and provides input on Court operations.

The Team may include others who assist in treating participants, and the Team frequently includes:

- The ACT team nurse
- Other ACT team members
- Other treatment providers

The Third Judicial District's Mental Health Court program will accommodate as many as 30 participants. Initially 15 participants will be moved over immediately to the new community provider, with the intention of increasing that amount as needed. All participants are enrolled in a highly structured and integrated system of accountability, which will include drug and alcohol testing, education, counseling, and mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Classes and services that are needed for Mental Health Court participants may include, but are not limited to:

- Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)
- Relapse Prevention
- Co-occurring Disorders
- Symptom and Medication Management
- Individual and Group Counseling
- Family Education and Support
- Drug and Alcohol Education
- Stress Management
- Crisis Response
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)
- Budgeting/System Management
- Anger Management

- Health and Wellness
- Process Group
- Other modalities as recommended by the Team and adopted by the Court

Participants' risk to recidivate is identified through the LSI-R and criminal histories. A clinical mental health assessment is administered to all potential participants to determine if they have a qualifying SPMI. The qualifying SPMI for Mental Health Court are Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar I Disorder, Bipolar II Disorder, and/or Major Depressive Disorder Recurrent Severe with Psychotic Features.

Those accepted into Mental Health Court and referred to the treatment provider will be Medicaid eligible, or have private insurance or other treatment funding identified by the Court. Ideally, interested contractors will offer treatment groups exclusively for the Mental Health Court participants, keeping them separate from other clients receiving treatment at their facility.

In addition to a demonstrated ability to professionally provide Assertive Community Treatment, the selected contractor(s) must:

- Maintain a significant local presence in a location convenient to participants
- Maintain liability, worker's compensation, and property insurance
- Commit to work closely with all Team members by sharing all information relevant to participants' treatment, including information necessary to maintain participant accountability

Letters of interest must include the contractor's resume and reference list with contact information, and must document the contractor's familiarity and experience with Assertive Community Treatment.

Letters of interest must be directed to the Canyon County Mental Health Court Coordinator via U.S. mail at 304 N 12th Ave, Caldwell, Idaho 83605; facsimile at (208) 455-5996; or email at shill@canyonco.org. Letters of interest must be identified with subject line "Mental Health Court Treatment Provider," and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 03, 2020. Questions about the project should be directed to Sue Hill, Mental Health Court Coordinator for Canyon County, at (208) 455-6006 or shill@canyonco.org.

The Canyon County Mental Health Court intends to use this Solicitation of Interest as an informal mechanism to initiate negotiation with prospective independent personal/professional service contractors. This is not an invitation for bids or a guarantee of employment or contracting for any purpose.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Canyon County Mental Health Court